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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. [redacted] ship passed Kildin Island (N 69-21, E 34-10) at about 1400 hours at a distance of approximately 12 miles and on a course toward 25X1
Vardø. From 1500 to 1800 hours [redacted] four Soviet destroyers participating in maneuvers. Three of the destroyers were first observed off the bow of [redacted] ship and then the fourth destroyer came from inshore and joined the others. 25X1
2. Later, the four destroyers sailed on a northwesterly course in a rectangular formation at a distance of about one mile from each other. A white star shell fired from the destroyer in position No. 2 and the vessels turned 90 degrees to a northeasterly course, which they held for eight minutes. (See sketches of the formations on page 2.) 25X1
3. A second white star shell was fired from the destroyer in position No. 2, and the vessels turned 90 degrees back to a northwesterly course, which they held for three minutes. A third white star shell was fired and the ships turned to a southwesterly course; this was followed by a fourth white star shell, whereupon 25X1
the ships turned to southeasterly course. 25X1
4. When the destroyers turned to a southeasterly course, they were close inshore [redacted] star shells and 25X1
light signals on the horizon to the south until 1800 hours. 25X1
5. The vessels sailed at about 20 knots during the maneuvers. Various light signals were sent between the ships, and the ships' navigational lights were alternately turned on and off. The star shells stayed in the air for about one minute.
6. The four destroyers were similar. Each ship had one gun in a turret on the foredeck, a bridge, and two stacks. The forward stack was located just aft of the bridge. There was a quadruple torpedo tube battery on the centerline aft of the second stack.

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Sketch of Naval Formation:

First Course: $\begin{matrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & \uparrow & 4 \end{matrix}$

Second Course: $\begin{matrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & \rightarrow & 4 \end{matrix}$



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